

CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
MAYORAL DECLARATION NO. 2020-1 DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the mayor of the City of Caledonia, Minnesota ("Mayor") finds that the following local emergency ("Emergency") exists in the City of Caledonia, Minnesota ("City"):

1. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization determined that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.
2. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota. The Governor's Executive Order triggered activation of the City's emergency management plan and enabled the City to exercise its emergency powers.
3. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Minnesota has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty. Much remains unknown about the virus and how it spreads.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29 authorizes the Mayor to declare the existence of the Emergency, to invoke necessary portions of the Emergency Operation Plan, and to authorize aid and services in accordance with interjurisdictional agreements; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 12.37 authorizes the City, acting through its governing body, to: (1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the disaster by protecting the health and safety of persons and property and by providing emergency assistance to the victims of the disaster; and (2) exercise the powers vested by that section in the light of the exigencies of the disaster without compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities otherwise prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Emergency is sudden and could not have been anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the community and threatens the provision and delivery of city services as a result of the Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Emergency poses the risk of and may cause catastrophic loss of public health, safety, and welfare if not immediately addressed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of the City of Caledonia, Minnesota, I declare that a Local Emergency exists effective at 9:00 p.m. on March 23, 2020 in the City of Caledonia, Minnesota.

This declaration of a local emergency will invoke the City's Emergency Operations Plan. The portions that are necessary for response to and recovery from the Emergency are authorized, including but not limited to all appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies. To the extent normal state laws and city policies and procedures impede an efficient response or compliance with federal and state directives and recommendations, the city clerk/administrator, emergency management director, and their designees are authorized to suspend compliance with those laws, policies, and procedures and to take those actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Dated: March 23, 2020.


DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder, Mayor